

# DLIR Christmas Luncheon

Honolulu, December 17, 2004

During their annual Christmas Luncheon, the employees of the Department of Labor & Industrial Relations presented a \$500 check to HUGS (Help Understand & Group Support for families with seriously ill children) and distributed hundreds of toys, school supplies and household items to the Salvation Army.

The money was raised through a department bake sale in October, where employees donated home-made goodies for sale.

“This year we decided to support our community instead of hosting a fancy Christmas Party,” Robin Ide, planning committee co-chair, stated. Donna Witsell, HUGS Executive Director, gratefully accepted the check on behalf of her organization.



DLIR Director Nelson Befitel and Deputy Director Colleen LaClair present the check to Donna Witsell from HUGS



Hundreds of toys, school supplies and household items await Salvation Army recipients

The toys were bought by DLIR employees who “adopted” a needy child or senior, selected by the Salvation Army. Salvation Army Leeward Corps manager, Captain Steve Wild picked up the toys and thanked the over 100 donors for their generosity.

